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SUBJECT: WAGE TALKS POSTPONED

1. IN DECISION LATE EVENING JUNE 5 CGT ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISCUSSIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS FULL EFFECT OF DEVALUATION AND PRICE INCREASES IS KNOWN. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED WAGE INCREASES WOULD BE RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 1. DECISION FOLLOWED SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN LABOR LEADERS AND WITH MINECON RODRIGO AND MINWELFARE LOPEZ REGA. IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS PRICE RAISES, GOA APPROVED INCREASES FOR MANY BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS, TRANSPORT AND SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY MANY FIRMS UNILATERALLY RAISED PRICES WITHOUT PRIOR GOVT AUTHORIZATION.

2. LABOR LEADERS ARE BEING HARD-PRESSED TO MAINTAIN LABOR DISCIPLINE IN FACE THEIR INABILITY REACH AGREEMENT WITH GOA. AUTOMOBILE WORKERS IN ALL CORDOBA PLANTS WENT ON STRIKE JUNE 5, MARITIME AND PORT WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE JUNE 6, AND AUTOMOBILE WORKERS FORD BUENOS AIRES PLANT INVOLVED IN SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN PROTEST DELAY. LABATT ADVISED BY REALIABLE SOURCE THAT LORENZO MIGUEL WAS JEERED AND BARELY MAINTAINED CONTROL MEETINGS HELD

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MORNING JUNE 5. BOTH HE AND MINLABOR OTERO REPEATEDLY HAD TO

DENY PRESS QUESTIONS ON THEIR RUMOURED RESIGNATIONS FROM ALL
LABOR POSITIONS PRESENTLY HELD. BOTH OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE
SUSPENSION THEIR TRIP TO ILO UNTIL AGREEMENT REACHED ON PAY
INCREASES.
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